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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant is submitting the art shown on the attached list for consideration by the Examiner. By this submission, it is not admitted that any of the listed references are, in fact, prior art. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make an independent search and evaluation of all relevant prior art.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first office action on the merits and, therefore, no additional filing fee or certification is required.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should there be any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully requested,

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